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Title: Methods and Apparatus for Customizing
User-Interface Control in Existing Application

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included in the Notice of Allowability dated June 25, 2010, in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance given on page 6 of the June 25, 2010 Notice of Allowability (hereinafter "Notice").

In the Statement, the Examiner states that references denoted as Wolfman and Huang do not disclose and/or suggest certain limitations previously recited in dependent claim 33 and incorporated into the independent claims by the Examiner's Amendment contained in the aforementioned Notice at pages 2-5.

To the extent that the Examiner's statement that Wolfman and Huang fail to teach or suggest certain limitations of the independent claims may be interpreted as implying that other limitations of the independent claims are conventional or otherwise fail to distinguish these claims over the prior art, Applicants respectfully traverse. In particular, Applicants respectfully assert that the independent claims as presented prior to the Examiner's Amendment are patentable over the prior art for at least the reasons identified in the Appeal Brief filed on March 10, 2010. Applicants have agreed to the Examiner's Amendment without prejudice solely in order to expedite issuance of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner, rather than for any reasons relating to patentability over the prior art. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue claims similar to those presented in this application prior to the Examiner's Amendment.

In summary, Applicants believe that each of the allowed claims is allowable because the limitations thereof are not taught or suggested by Wolfman, Huang or the other prior art of record. To the extent that the Statement may be viewed as characterizing the prior art in a manner inconsistent with previous arguments presented by Applicants, the Statement is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully request that the above comments be made of record and placed into the application file pursuant to 37 CFR 1.104(e).

Respectfully submitted,

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